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and blaze trees through fourteen miles of dense forest. They were among the early pioneers of the old Green Mountain State, and suffered all the untold hardships incidental thereto. When they first located there, five families joined fortunes, settled side by side, there to live and develop what later proved to be the best part of Vermont. The Richardson family came originally from England, three brothers of that name having first settled in the Northeastern States. As far as known they have been engaged principally in agricultural pursuits.

Josiah Richardson, the father of our subject, spent most of his life in Vermont, but died in Middleton township, Wisconsin, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife was born in Alstead, New Hampshire, a daughter of John Barker, natives also of New Hampshire. The father lived with his daughter, Mrs. Richardson, for some time, and then went to Michigan, where he died at the home of a son, David Barker, at an advanced age. Mrs. Richardson still resides in Madison, Wisconsin.

David Richardson, one of nine children, and the subject of this sketch, remained on the home farm until twenty-two years of age, and then worked by the month for the following two years. In April, 1852, he drove a team to lake Champlain, then went by boat to a small station, where they took an old-fashioned train to Saratoga, New York, then to Buffalo, next by the lakes to Detroit, Michigan, then by train to New Buffalo, and next across lake Michigan to Racine, Wisconsin, where he bought ox teams and came direct to where he now lives. Mr. Richardson immediately purchased 125 acres of land, and later forty acres more. He first erected a small dwelling, 10 x 10 feet, the following winter built a small frame house, 12 x 14

feet, and in 1856 again rebuilt. He has since sold his land, and retired from active business life. Politically, Mr. Richardson voted the Whig ticket in 1848, for Fremont in 1856, and now affiliates with the Prohibition party. Religiously, both he and his wife take an active part in temperance work, and are attendants of the Methodist Church. Mr. Richardson assisted in the building of that Church here, and his wife has held the position of Superintendent of the Sunday-school for many years.

Mr. Richardson was first married August 3, 1852, to Lucy A. Hawes, who was born near Seneca lake, New York, September 15, 1827, and died on the old farm in Wisconsin, May 10, 1876. She was a daughter of Samuel and Catherine Hawes, natives respectfully of New York and New Jersey. They came West in about 1849 or 1850, and the mother died in the latter year, and the father is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson had five children: Ira, was married February 29, 1878, to Libby Martin, and they have four children; Adrian M., born February 14, 1858, married Alla Miller, and has three children; Clara, born May 29, 1860, married William Miller, and has two children; Orrin, C., born September 16, 1861, is at home; and one who died when only one week old. Our subject was again married, in 1877, to E. S. Plato, who died two years later. November 9, 1882, Mr. Richardson was united in marriage with Mrs. Eusebia R. (Daily) Smith, widow of William J. Smith. She was born in Georgetown, New York, a daughter of Frederic and Betsey C. (Foster) Daily. The father was born in New York, in 1810, and died in Georgetown, that State, in 1872. He was a son of Peter and Lucy (Bates) Daily, who were born in the Northeastern States, and spent the last days

of their lives in New York. They were the parents of three children. Mrs. Daily was born in Pharsalia, New York, in 1812, and died in her native place at the age of forty-one years. She was a daughter of Renben and Lucinda (Barker) Foster, natives of Connecticut. They removed to New York in an early day, locating in Greene township, Cortland county, where the father followed farming, and was also a local minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church. They later moved to Georgetown, that State, where the mother died at the age of forty-one years, and the father aged eighty-seven years. They were the parents of six children, about three of whom still survive. One son, Ralph, died in the late war, and his father was also a soldier in the war of 1812. Another son, Isaac C., was one of the first ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church in New York, and was a very able man. Mrs. Richardson's first husband, William J. Smith, was born in Cazenovia, New York, April 26, 1830, a son of Henry and Adella (Beardsley) Smith, natives of Germany and Connecticut. Both died in Cazenovia, at advanced ages. W. J. Smith followed the vocation of a traveling salesman through life, and his death occurred at Jefferson, Wisconsin, June 13, 1874. He and his wife had four daughters, namely: Ida, born October 20, 1852, married J. Laycock, and has five children; Della C., born June 9, 1856, married A. S. Park, has one child; Jettie L., born November 7, 1859, married E. L. Bradbury, and died May 29, 1891, leaving one child; and Mary E., born February 5, 1861, married Edward Gunsalos, and has a son and daughter.

Mr. Richardson, the subject of this sketch, has suffered the privations of a pioneer life. During the first year of his married life, only one-fourth of a pound of tea, one-half pound

of coffee and six pounds of sugar was all of that line of groceries used. He has lived to see this country blossom like a rose, and his entire life has been one of honor and uprightness.



JOHN DELANEY is the name of a farmer who resides upon his eighty-acre farm on section 33, Vienna township, where he has resided about eleven years. He was born in Ireland in 1830, and his father was Edmond Delaney, a farmer in the old country, on one hundred acres of rented land, on which he lived for many years and on which his father before him resided. He was 101 years old when he died. This tenancy cost a rental from \$6 per acre to 3 guineas, and was paid by the father of our subject. Edmond Delaney was twice married, and by the two wives he had twenty-seven children, of whom Mr. Delaney of this notice is the twenty-third child and the nineteenth and youngest son. Twenty-six of this remarkable family grew to maturity. Our subject is a child of the second marriage. His mother was Mary Dailey, of county Cork, and she became the mother of ten sons and three daughters. The father was ninety-five years of age when this son left his home and native land for America when eighteen. Since that time he has never heard from home and does not know when his mother died.

Mr. Delaney came to this country in the fall of 1848 on a large three-masted sailer with 300 emigrants. He shipped at Queens-town for Boston and made the trip in twenty-four days. At first he obtained work along the shore in Boston and then made his way to Portland, Maine. He was paid forty cents